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BERNARD C. STEINER,

Chairman.

#### Bookbinding

The A. L. A. Committee on binding has asked the publishers of the forthcoming edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica to bind a number of sets for library use. Librarians throughout the country will materially aid the cause, if, in sending orders for the work, they specify that they prefer sets bound according to the specifications of the Committee on binding.

The Committee has been informed that Houghton, Mifflin Company will bring out A. S. Pier's "Crashaw brothers" and Alice Brown's "John Winterbourne's family" in reinforced bindings. The sample copy submitted to the Committee shows that the specifications for this kind of binding will be strictly followed.

ARTHUR S. BAILEY, Chairman.

# THE EDITOR'S TABLE

(Appropriate current library literature will be noted in this column if sent to the Secretary, 1 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.)

Boston public library. Catalog of the Allen A. Brown collection of music in the Boston public library. Vol. 2, part 1, 144p. 1910.

Brooklyn public library. Personal hygiene and physical development. A list

of books in the Brooklyn public library. 28p. 1910.

Chase, Mabel J. Public libraries and art education. 21p. 1910. A pamphlet which considers temporary exhibitions, permanent exhibitions or museums, school department, picture collections, lectures and lecture halls, art department. The writer is Assistant supervisor of drawing in the Newark, N. J. public schools.

Eau Claire (Wis.) public Tibrary. Annual report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

Jackson (Mich.) public library. Twenty-fifth annual report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

John Crerar library. Handbook, 1910. A revision and extension of a sketch prepared by the librarian and published first in Blanchard's Discovery and conquests of the Northwest, Vol. 2, 1902, and later in the Chicago library club's Libraries of Chicago, 1905.

Lowell (Mass.) city library. Ireland. A list of books relating to Ireland in the Lowell city library. 26p. 1910.

Newark free public library. Twenty-first annual report for the year, 1909.

Ottawa (Ont.) Carnegie library. Annual report for the year, 1909.

Pittsburgh Carnegie library. Monthly bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 9. Contains a valuable bibliography of 110 pages on sewage disposal and treatment.

Pratt Institute free library. Report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

Reeder, Charles W. Government documents in small libraries. 9p. 1910. The substance of an address on public documents by Mr. Reeder, Assistant reference librarian, Ohio state university library.

St. Joseph (Mo.) public library. Twentieth annual report. 1909-1910. Contains floor plans of the new Washington Park branch library.

Springfield (Mass.) city library association. Annual report for the year ending April 30, 1910.

Texas library and historical commission. Texas libraries. Vol. 1, No. 2. Contains a description of the new library build-

ing for the University of Texas and a Texas reference collection.

Vermont Board of library commissioners. Eighth annual report. 1909-1910. Contains a colored map of Vermont showing libraries organized with state aid, libraries otherwise organized, traveling library stations and public libraries not free. Also contains pictures of new library buildings, a typical list of books provided with \$100 appropriated by the state, and statistics of Vermont libraries.

Washington (D. C.) public library. Annual report of the Board of trustees and the librarian for 1909-1910.

## NOTES AND NEWS

Chicago will be the Mecca of librarians the week of January 1. In addition to the mid-winter meetings of the A. L. A. Council and Executive board, several meetings will be held by affiliated organizations.

The League of library commissions will hold its sessions January third and fourth at the Congress Hotel. Among the topics to be considered will be Rural library extension and the Relation of the library commission to the state library association.

The A. L. A. Publishing board will hold its meetings at the A. L. A. Executive office, January third and fourth, the Council on the morning of January 5th and the Executive board on the afternoon of January 5th. Among the important topics for consideration by Council will be the report of the special committee on Cooperation and a discussion of Net fiction.

College and university librarians will hold two sessions on January 6th in the Director's room, adjoining the A. L. A. Executive office.

Other meetings to be held "library week" in Chicago will be those of the Bibliographical society of America and members of library school faculties.

A reception and dance will be given in honor of visiting librarians by the Chicago library club, on the evening of January 4th at the Chicago art institute. The League of commissions has selected the Congress hotel as its headquarters and the hotel will grant reduced rates to all library visitors in Chicago the week of January 1. Those wishing to stop at the Congress should write directly to the hotel for reservations and state plans for attending library meetings in Chicago.

## SALE, EXCHANGE, "WANTS"

(Any library member of the Association may insert, without cost, a ten line notice of books or periodicals wanted, for sale or exchange.)

### WANTED

Cambridge, Mass. Public Library.

Harper's monthly magazine, June 1853, No. 37, v. 7.

Adelaide, South Australia, Public Library Bulletin 13 (1906) of the Engineering experiment station, University of Illinois, containing an article by N. C. Ricker on "Extension of the Dewey decimal of classification applied to architecture and building."

Springfield, Mass. city library associationPoor's Railroad manual. 1869-70; 1870-71; 1872-73; 1874-75; 1878-79.

## Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga.

Poet lore, vol. 2. March, May, November and index 1890; vol. 4, January, February, March, April, May, August, September and index, 1892; vol. 5, January, March, April, December and index, 1893; vol. 6, January and index, 1894.

#### FOR DISTRIBUTION

The Library of Congress has still available for distribution a few copies of the following publication, "A list of maps of America in the Library of Congress; preceded by a list of works relating to cartography, 1901" which may be had upon request by libraries which could put them to good use.